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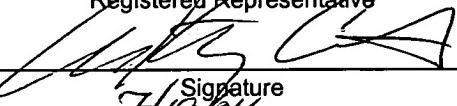
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Our Case No. 9281/4665

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Hiroshi Ushimaru)	
)	Examiner: Ernesto Garcia
Serial No. 10/654,171)	
)	Group Art Unit No. 3679
Filing Date: September 3, 2003)	
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For FITTING STRUCTURE FOR)	
KNOBS)	
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 22, 2004 regarding the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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- Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Amendment (7pp.)
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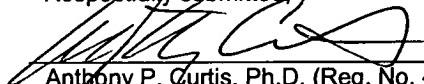
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 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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Respectfully submitted,


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